## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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JEANNETTE ESPINAL,

Plaintiff, : Hon. William J. Martini

Civil Action No. 12-1242 (WJM)

-VS-

VIRGINIO PEREZ-JIMENEZ and

RALPH MOYLE, INC.,

**Defendants.** 

: <u>CONSOLIDATION ORDER</u>

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Plaintiff,

Hon. Dickinson R. Debevoise Civil Action No. 12-3509 (DRD)

-VS-

VIRGINIO PEREZ-JIMENEZ and RALPH MOYLE, INC.,

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Defendants.

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THESE MATTERS come before the Court following a case management conference in Espinal v. Perez-Jimenez, et al., Civ. A. No. 12-1242 (WJM);

and the Espinal case being a motor vehicle accident case;

and the parties having jointly requested that the Court consolidate the <u>Espinal</u> case with the latter filed case captioned <u>Genao v. Perez-Jimenez, et al.</u>, Civ. A. No. 12-3509 (DRD), because the two cases involve the same motor vehicle accident, the same parties, and the same lawyers;

and the Court having reviewed the operative Complaints in the above matters, and it appearing that the Complaints are essentially identical;

and the Court noting that, when the later filed <u>Genao</u> complaint was removed to this Court, counsel represented that the cases were related and that consolidation would be appropriate, <u>see</u> Civ. Action No. 12-3509, Notice of Removal ¶ 12, CM/ECF No. 1; and the decision to consolidate being one that rests in the Court's discretion, <u>see</u>, <u>e.g.</u>, <u>In re Consol. Parlodel Litig.</u>, 182 F.R.D. 441, 443 (D.N.J. 1998); and all counsel having requested and consented to consolidation;

IT IS on this 8th day of August 2012,

and for good cause shown;

ORDERED that, Espinal v. Perez-Jimenez, et al., Civ. A. No. 12-1242 (WJM) and Genao v. Perez-Jimenez, et al., Civ. A. No. 12-3509 (DRD), are hereby consolidated for all purposes under Civil Action No. 12-1242 (WJM).

s/Mark Falk

MARK FALK United States Magistrate Judge